

October 31, 2012

Nancy Courtney  
41 Carver Street,  
Brandon, VT 05733

Re: Window Variance Request

Location: 41 Carver Street, Brandon, VT  
Site# 72279

Dear Ms. Courtney;

I am in receipt of your variance request to allow the bedroom windows in your duplex to remain and be used as egress windows. The existing windows measure 29 inches in width by 21 ½ inches in height for a total of 4.3 square feet.

Under the provisions of the amended 2006 Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code, Section 5, a variance may be granted when the applicant can demonstrate that an equal degree of safety is being provided through a safe alternative method.

**Code Requirement:** The minimum “**net clear opening of egress windows must be 5.7 square feet,**” and the sill height must be not more than 44 inches above the floor. The minimum net clear opening height is 24 inches and the minimum net clear opening width is 20 inches, with a total net opening of 820 square inches. When using a double hung window, the 5.7 square feet of open-able area must be in the bottom sash only. 2006 NFPA 101 24.2.2.

Considering that you have installed electric with battery back-up photoelectric smoke detectors on all levels and inside each sleeping room your variance request is approved.

In the future, any window replaced that requires altering of the window opening, the new windows must be 5.7 square feet.

If you have any questions please call me at 802-786-0073

Sincerely,

L.D. Sutherland Jr.  
Regional Manager Rutland

CC: Josh Maxham Assistant Fire Marshal

